

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

ISMAHAN ADAN, individually and on  
behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

SWEDISH HEALTH SERVICES d/b/a  
SWEDISH MEDICAL GROUP and  
PROVIDENCE HEALTH & SERVICES,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:22-cv-00078-JHC

ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on the parties' Stipulated Protective Order, which the Court construes as a stipulated motion for a protective order. Dkt. # 28. The Court has considered the motion and, for the reasons discussed below, DENIES it without prejudice.

"There is a strong presumption of public access to the court's files." LCR 5(g). The Court may issue a protective order "for good cause" under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c).

The Court may enter a proposed stipulated protective order as an order of the court if it adequately and specifically describes the justification for such an order, it is consistent with court rules, it does not purport to confer blanket protection on all disclosures or responses to discovery, *its protection from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable legal principles*, and it does not presumptively entitle the parties to file confidential information under seal.

1 LCR 26(c)(2) (emphasis added). The Court’s Model Stipulated Protective Order says, “The  
2 parties must include a list of specific documents such as ‘company’s customer list’ or ‘plaintiff’s  
3 medical records;’ do not list broad categories of documents such as ‘sensitive business  
4 material.’” W.D. Wash. Model Stipulated Protective Order, [https://www.wawd.uscourts.  
5 gov/sites/wawd/files/ModelStipulatedProtectiveOrder.pdf](https://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/sites/wawd/files/ModelStipulatedProtectiveOrder.pdf).

6 The Stipulated Protective Order defines “confidential” material as, among other  
7 materials, “The financial books and records of Defendants and information pertaining to those  
8 financial books and records.” Dkt. #28 at 2. This item is broad and does not list a specific  
9 category of documents; therefore, it does not comply with Local Civil Rule 26(c)(2). And the  
10 parties do not justify the category with argument. The Court DENIES the Motion without  
11 prejudice. The parties may file a revised Stipulated Protective Order. The Clerk is directed to  
12 send uncertified copies of this Order to all counsel of record and to any party appearing pro se at  
13 said party’s last known address.

14 Dated this 5th day of July, 2022.

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18 United States District Judge  
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